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Mileage Tax Registration and Installment Payments

For operators of trucks, tractors and trailers

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Money-saving plans for truck operators

Dear Friends:

I'm pleased to offer you this brochure, which outlines two options for truck operators to reduce the cost of operating their vehicles in Illinois: MILEAGE TAX REGISTRATION and INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. Briefly, these are your two options:

- Trucks, tractors and trailers traveling a limited number of miles within Illinois may qualify for mileage tax registration. Fees under this plan are about half of the regular flat weight tax registration.

- Flat weight tax, IRP and prorate registration fees for trucks and tractors can be paid in two installments. Deferring 50 percent of your payment for six months may help you with cash-flow concerns. Also, if you provide a certificate of deposit for security, you will receive the interest.

This brochure explains these money-saving options in more detail. By following these procedures, my office can save you time and money in securing the registration that best meets your needs. If you have further questions, please contact my office's Commercial & Farm Truck Division at (217) 785-1810.

Sincerely,

Jesse White

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MILEAGE TAX REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

Gross Weight of Vehicle and Load	Initial Fee Required by Law	Maximum Mileage Permitted Under Guaranteed Tax	Rate Excess Mileage	Class
12,000 or less	$ 83	5,000	.026	MD
12,001 – 16,000 lbs.	130	6,000	.034	MF
16,001 – 20,000 lbs.	190	6,000	.046	MG
20,001 – 24,000 lbs.	245	6,000	.063	MH
24,001 – 28,000 lbs.	325	7,000	.063	MJ
28,001 – 32,000 lbs.	395	7,000	.083	MK
32,001 – 36,000 lbs.	495	7,000	.099	ML
36,001 – 40,000 lbs.	625	7,000	.128	MN
40,001 – 45,000 lbs.	705	7,000	.139	MP
45,001 – 54,999 lbs.	863	7,000	.156	MR
55,000 – 59,500 lbs.	930	7,000	.178	MS
59,501 – 64,000 lbs.	995	7,000	.195	MT
64,001 – 73,280 lbs.	1,183	7,000	.225	MV
73,281 – 77,000 lbs.	1,338	7,000	.258	MX
77,001 – 80,000 lbs.	1,425	7,000	.275	MZ
	TRAILER			
14,000 lbs. or less	$ 85	5,000	.031	TM
14,001 – 20,000 lbs.	145	6,000	.036	TM
20,001 – 36,000 lbs.	550	7,000	.103	TM
36,001 – 40,000 lbs.	760	7,000	.150	TM

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Mileage Tax Registration

Illinois law allows vehicles operating in-state for a limited number of miles and operators of applicable vehicles to be charged less in fees than those for long-distance carriers through mileage tax registration.

Mileage tax registration, as opposed to flat weight tax registration, applies to trucks, tractors and trailers that operate **in-state only**. Mileage plates are issued on a fiscal-year basis.

MILEAGE TAX FEES

Fees are determined by the gross weight of the vehicle and number of miles driven. Operators are allowed 5,000, 6,000 or 7,000 miles, depending on the weight of their vehicles and loads *(see chart)*. Operators of trucks and trailers exceeding the mileage limitations are charged additional fees based on excess mileage rates. **All** miles generated by a mileage tax registered vehicle must be reported.

SECURITY FOR EXCESS MILEAGE

Surety bonds of $500 per vehicle are required by the Secretary of State's office as a guarantee of payment of excess fees. Such bonds must be from surety companies approved by the Illinois Department of Insurance. The name on the bond must be identical to the name on the registration application. Bonding companies must attach to each bond a power of attorney along with acknowledgment of surety.

MILEAGE RECORDS

Because of mileage requirements, vehicles with mileage tax registration must have working odometers. Trailers are required to have hub-o-meters.

Truck operators must maintain beginning and ending odometer readings for each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). These records must be maintained for a three-year period and are subject to audit. Truck operators also are required to maintain daily mileage records. Summaries of these records must be submitted semiannually to the Secretary of State's office.

Forms for reporting semiannual mileage are provided and must be returned respectively by Jan. 10 and July 10.

Mileage tax registrations are subject to **suspension** or **revocation** for **failure to report mileage** as well as for operating vehicles with **disconnected** or **broken odometers**.

MORE ABOUT MILEAGE REGISTRATION

Mileage tax registration is binding for the fiscal registration year. Therefore, reclassification to flat weight tax registration is not permitted during the effective year. Mileage tax license plates cannot be transferred to a vehicle already registered with mileage tax plates.

Mileage tax registration is available only from:

Secretary of State
COMMERCIAL & FARM TRUCK DIVISION
501 S. Second St.
300 Howlett Building
Springfield, Illinois 62756
(217) 785-1810

Installment Payments

Installments are accepted for: a) International Registration Plan (IRP) and prorate calendar year, and b) flat weight tax fiscal year. However, this payment plan applies only to trucks and tractors. Trailers are not eligible. Installment payments for IRP registration apply only to the Illinois fee and not the foreign fee.

Trucks and Tractors

Installment payments require that 50 percent of the fee be paid at the time of registration. The remaining 50 percent must be paid within six months after registration begins. Prorate vehicles that register on a calendar-year basis would owe the second installment by July 1 of the registration year. IRP vehicles would owe the second installment by Oct. 1. Fiscal vehicles, such as trucks and tractors with flat weight registrations, would pay their second installment by Jan. 1, which is six months into the fiscal year.

Security Requirements

Securities are required for all second installments and must be surrendered to the Secretary of State's office at the time of registration. They may be in the form of surety bonds or single maturity certificates of deposit.

A bond must be issued by a surety company approved by the Illinois Department of Insurance.

A single maturity certificate of deposit, payable to the Secretary of State, can be issued by any authorized Illinois banking institution. However, a certificate's maturity date must not exceed the due date of the second installment. Any excess amount above the required fees, including accrued interest from certificates of deposit, are returned to the owner.

Installment plan participants are liable for the entire second installment even if their trucking operations cease during the effective year.

Truck operators may arrange for installment payments at:

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501 S. Second St.
300 Howlett Building
Springfield, IL 62756
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